

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-4 (cancelled)

5. (new) A case with a partitioning member comprising a case, a cover for covering the case, and a partitioning member which is held between the case and the cover to partition the interior of the case and the cover, characterized in that

a second welding portion in which the case and the partitioning member are welded to each other is provided on the inside of a first welding portion in which the case and the cover are welded to each other;

a third welding portion in which the case and the partitioning member are welded to each other is provided on the inside of the second welding portion; and

a hole open to the atmosphere is provided in the case between the second welding portion and the third welding portion.

6. (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 5, characterized in that a welding allowance in the first welding portion of the case is higher than a welding allowance in the second welding portion of the case.

7. (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 5, characterized in that the case with a partitioning member is an automatic transmission oil filter, and the partitioning member is a filter element.

8. (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 5, characterized in that the interior of the automatic transmission oil filter is divided into a dust side on the upstream side of oil flow and a clean side on the downstream side thereof by the filter element, and

the second welding portion and the third welding portion are provided on the side of the dust side of the filter element.

9. (new) (new) The case with a partitioning member according to claim 6, characterized in that the case with a partitioning member is an automatic transmission oil filter, and the partitioning member is a filter element.